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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7552.0041

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Andrea PARRINO et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3753
	)	
Application No.: 10/511,391	)	Examiner: John K. Fristoe, Jr.
	)	
Filed: October 15, 2004	)	
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For: CONNECTION ELEMENT AND	)	Confirmation No.: 2102
CONNECTING DEVICE FOR	)	
TUBES	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2007, the period for response extending to May 1, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Reply.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 23 of this Reply.